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September 30, 2016

Paula Nye Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Educational Grant
Kentucky Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator
Division of Planning
200 Metro Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40622

YMCA Camp Ernst, located in Burlington, Kentucky is pleased to submit this request for the Paula Nye Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Educational Grant. The Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission's continued support has helped establish and expand the mountain biking program at Camp Ernst. This grant request will support ongoing expansion of the program, as well as repair and upkeep of the bikes, allowing more youth to benefit from the biking program throughout the year.

Camp Ernst has been teaching bicycle safety and basic skill instruction to summer campers since 2008. The program has grown from serving 300 campers during the summer as a specialty activity, to becoming a part of the regular camp schedule for all 3,000 campers.

Camp Ernst's mountain biking program supports the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway's goals to teach bicycle safety, as well as to increase awareness about the health, recreational and social benefits of biking. Together, we can ensure that more youth learn to enjoy safely riding a bike.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cochran
YMCA Camp Ernst, Executive Director

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**Paula Nye Memorial Bicyclist and Pedestrian Education
Grant Application Form
Administered by the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission**

Name of Organization: YMCA of Greater Cincinnati (Camp Ernst)

Address: 7615 Camp Ernst Road

City: Burlington

State: Kentucky

ZIP Code: 41005

Phone: (859) 586-6181

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Contact Person: Elizabeth Cochran

Title: Executive Director

Brief Description of Your Organization and Its Goals and Objectives:

Camp Ernst fulfills the Y's mission to build health in mind, body and spirit for all by focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. YMCA Camp Ernst, accredited by the American Camp Association, is a residential summer camp located on 365 acres in Burlington, Kentucky. Camp Ernst provides unique experiences to more than 3,800 youth every summer. These experiences help youth build confidence, independence, a sense of responsibility, and leadership and relationship skills. Camp offers a variety of engaging activities including swimming, hiking, ropes courses, boating, kayaking, mountain biking, archery, sports, as well as enrichment programs like fine arts, drama, dance, music, and more. While at Camp Ernst, kids are surrounded by positive role models and an environment that promotes the Y's Core Character Values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, not only for one's self, but for the people and the world around them.

Since 2008, mountain biking has been one of the programs/activities available to youth at Camp Ernst. Biking was initially a specialty activity that campers registered for in addition to traditional camp. Approximately 300 campers participated in mountain biking each summer while it was a specialty activity. Over the years, with the support of the KBBC, biking has expanded to be part of the traditional camp activities for more than 3,000 campers each summer. Biking has also been incorporated into some of the year round camp events, such as Family Camp.

Through the biking program, campers learn basic biking and safety instruction, such as how to size and adjust their helmet, how to check their tires and the proper way to use their brakes. Campers then navigate through a painted course, practicing a variety of skills. Camp Ernst also has multiple trails and a pump track where campers have the opportunity to ride. Learning the basic skills and safety first, not only keeps them safe while on the trails at camp, but ensures they learn valuable information for when they return home and go biking in their neighborhood. For some youth, this may also be their first experience with biking on an unpaved surface, or even riding a bicycle at all! The program also exposes more youth to biking as a fun, recreational, and healthy activity.

Project for which funding is requested: Camp Ernst Mountain Biking Program

Amount Requested: \$5850

If approved, funds are needed by what date? 3/1/2017

If approved, the check should be disbursed to: YMCA Camp Ernst

Address: 7615 Camp Ernst Road

City: Burlington

State: Kentucky

ZIP Code: 41005

Federal ID #: 31-0537178

YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
Financial Information
Income Statement

	audited as of 12/31/2014	audited as of 12/31/2015
Revenue/Support		
Membership Dues	12,801,405	12,747,684
Program Fees	10,024,187	11,454,821
Public Funding	4,836,908	6,151,917
Contributions	2,205,649	1,767,129
United Way	811,800	790,860
Investment and interest income	333,872	372,292
Merchandise sales	63,723	67,819
Residence and food service	18,749	23,348
Rent	233,102	239,837
Other	312,710	278,955
Total Revenue/Support	31,642,105	33,894,662
Expenses		
Salaries	16,446,932	17,592,329
Employee Benefits, Taxes	3,043,573	3,312,150
Occupancy	2,356,339	2,250,407
Supplies	2,043,062	2,149,554
Repairs and maintenance	1,868,139	2,013,968
Contract labor	1,409,931	1,709,141
Marketing and advertising	720,897	781,425
Insurance	519,696	510,867
ERP & Payroll Software	-	400,271
Conferences and training	317,651	386,541
Transport and travel	421,793	367,563
Support fees	272,301	347,003
Financing costs	303,397	327,346
Telephone	226,654	233,203
Miscellaneous	123,236	266,674
Membership and dues	101,528	68,410
Postage	49,120	51,748
Depreciation and amortization	2,309,722	2,407,814
Interest	210,703	279,723
Total Operating Expenses	32,744,674	35,456,137
Revenue Less Expenses	(1,102,569)	(1,561,475)
Nonoperating items		
Capital and endowment contributions	218,453	2,664,770
Realized / unrealized gains (losses)	641,754	(320,379)
Change in beneficial interest	58,712	(54,901)
Gain on disposals of fixed assets	236,916	596,419

**Internal Revenue Service
District Director**

Department of the Treasury

**P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201**

Date: SEP 16 1999

**Young Men's Christian Association Of
Greater Cincinnati
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Cincinnati, OH 45210-2213**

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Accounting Period Ends:
December 31**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your telephone request for a letter affirming your organization's exempt status.

In June 1942, we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax under section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 (now section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). That determination letter is still in effect.

We classified your organization as a publicly supported organization, and not a private foundation, because it is described in section 509(a)(3) of the Code. This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's purposes, character, method of operations, or sources of support have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the organization's exempt status and foundation status.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000 when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

As of January 1, 1984, your organization is liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more the organization pays to each of its employees during a calendar year. There is no liability for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

YMCA CAMP ERNST
Grant Budget for Mountain Bike Program

EXPENSES

Line Item	Amount	Description
Equipment		
Bike repair	\$500	parts and labor
Staff		
Youth Instructors: summer	\$4,900	2 youth instructors will receive training (\$50). Each will work for 10 weeks. The unit leader will be paid \$280/wk and the assistant will be paid \$205/wk.
Family Camp Bike leaders	\$450	2 leaders will instruct and guide mountain bike trail rides during Memorial Day and Labor Day Family Camp sessions
TOTAL	\$5,850	



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YMCA CAMP ERNST

Background and Mission

YMCA Camp Ernst, our residential camp located on 365 acres in Burlington, Kentucky, is part of the 14-branch network of Y's operated by the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati and has been carrying out our mission to build spirit, mind, and body since 1928. Camp Ernst has been providing youth with unique experiences that broaden their horizons and shape them into more confident, conscientious, responsible and independent individuals. Accredited by the American Camping Association, Camp Ernst is one of the most popular residential camps in the region, welcoming over 3,000 youth from all over the world each summer to experiences unlike their everyday lives.

Activities

Camp offers a variety of engaging activities including hiking, swimming, ropes courses, sports, boating, archery, mountain biking, horseback riding, as well as enrichment programs like fine arts, drama, dance, music, wood crafts, and more. Through all of these activities, youth are exposed to the Y's Core Character Values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

Camp Ernst also offers leadership and development programs for teens designed to prepare them for future camp counselor roles. Currently, 75% of Camp Ernst counselors were once campers, and 87% of the summer staff were part of camp the previous year. This continuity results in a culture of excellence that enlivens camp spirit and assures the continuation of camp traditions. Camp Counselors manage groups of kids, implement activities, take initiative, and gain invaluable skills that serve them well as they enter adulthood and establish careers. Our leadership and development programs continue to grow in popularity and currently have waiting lists with more than 30 teens eager to join.



Benefits of Camp

Research shows that camp enables significant growth in confidence and self-esteem, relationship and friendship skills, and independence and responsibility. During the summer when school is out and many children are left unsupervised and disengaged, camp provides an environment with appropriate boundaries, structure and expectations, and hands-on learning opportunities – the building blocks for a successful life.